

Violence against Women in Alaska

Justice Perspective



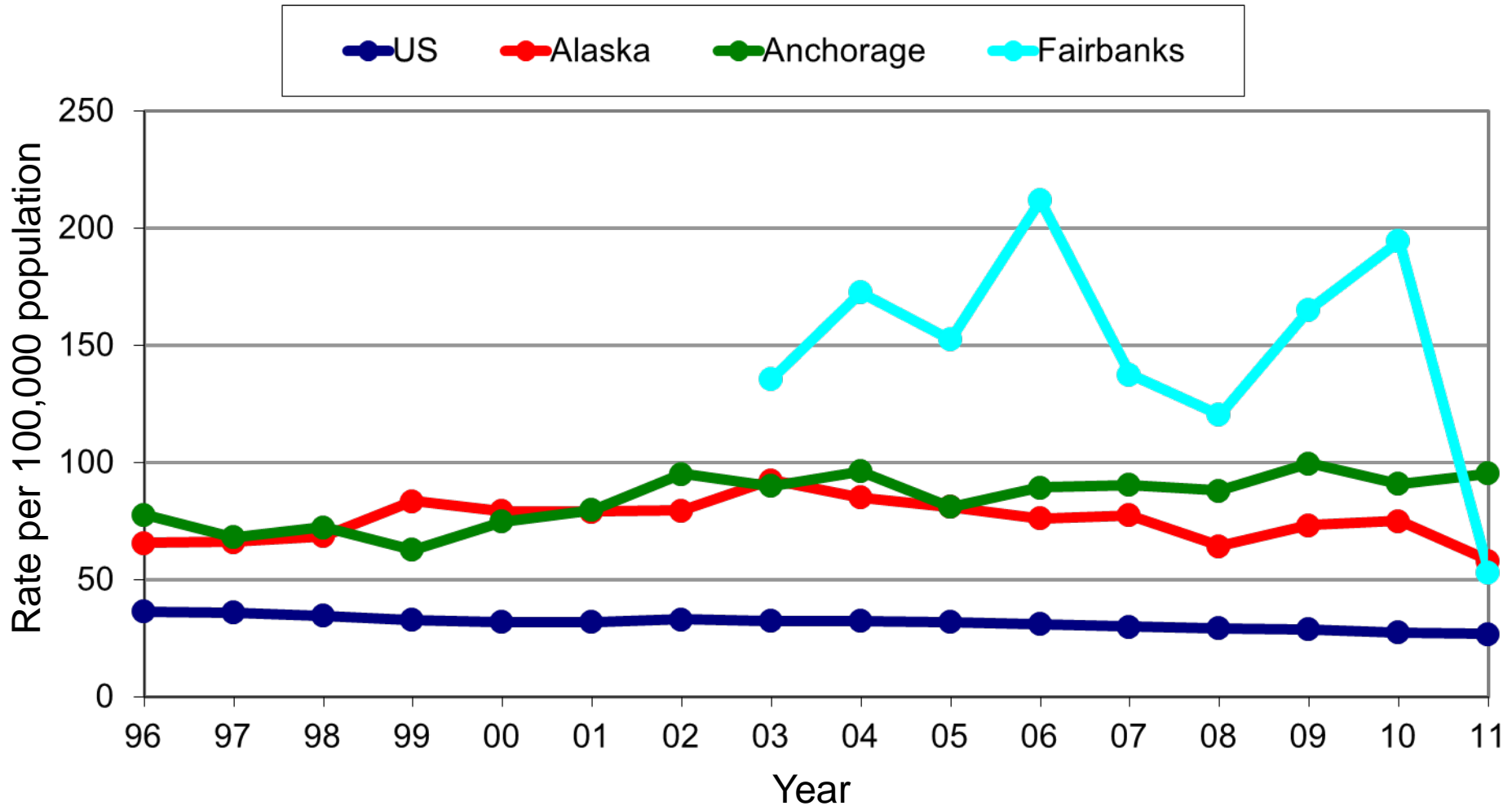
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Forcible Rapes Reported to Police



Justice Center Research

Research on Criminal Justice Responses:

- Anchorage Police Department
- Alaska State Troopers
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- Alaska Department of Law

Population Measures:

- Alaska Victimization Surveys
- Alaska Dashboard

<http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/vaw>

<http://dps.alaska.gov/cdvsa/>



Law Enforcement Data Sources



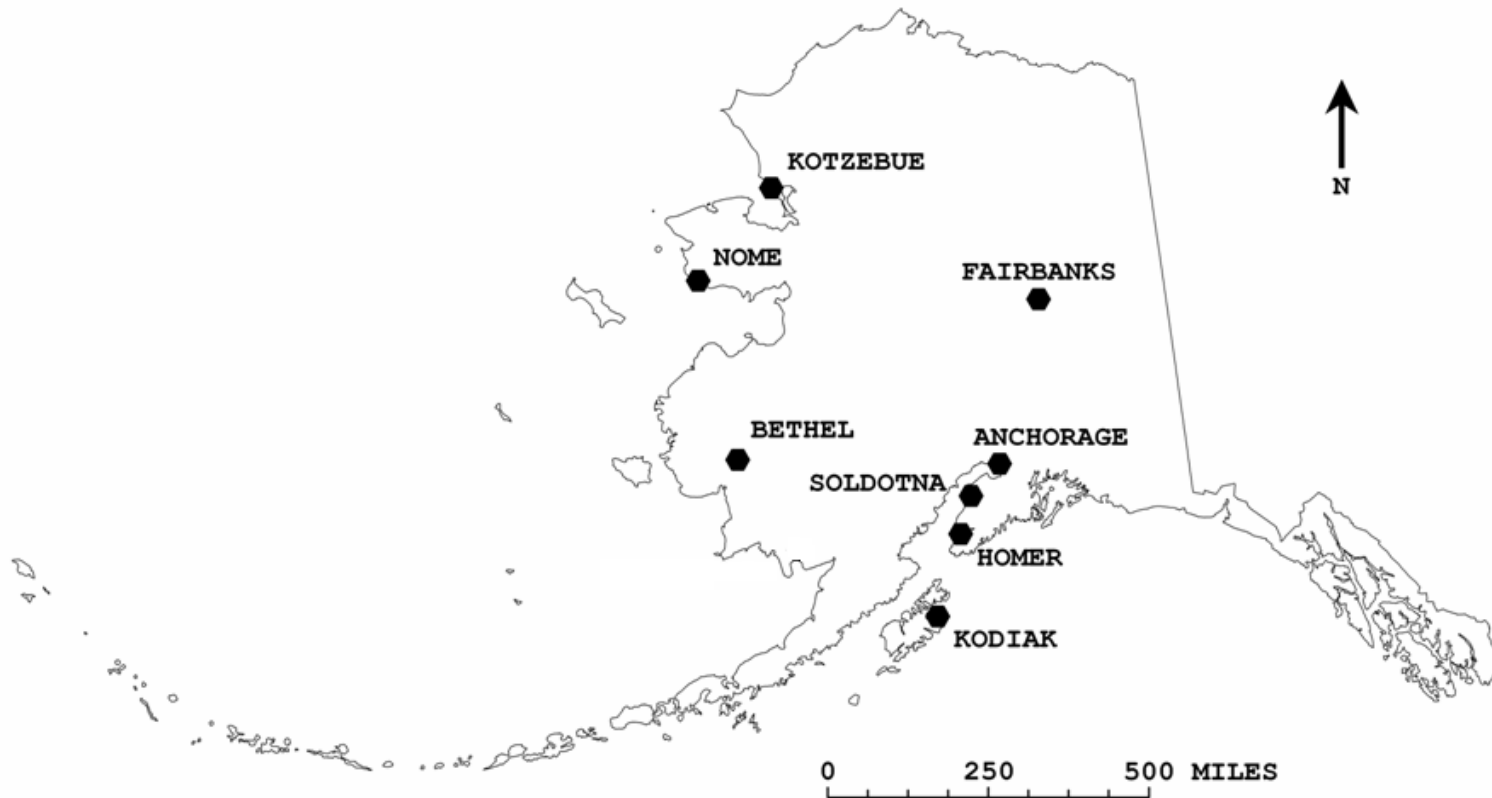
- **Anchorage Police Department**
 - Sexual assaults reported from 2000 to 2005

- **Alaska State Troopers**

- Sexual assaults reported in 2003 and 2004
- Assaults involving domestic violence reported in 2004
- Stalking reported from 1999 to 2004



Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Data



Anchorage (1996-2004); Bethel (2005-2006); Fairbanks (2005-2006); and Homer, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, and Soldotna (2005)



Alaska Department of Law Data

Case is **Reported**
to Law Enforcement



Case is **Referred**
for Prosecution



Case is **Accepted**
for Prosecution



Case Results in a
Conviction



Alaska Department of Law Data

	% Referred	% Accepted	% Convicted
APD Study (00-03)	18%	12%	11%
SANE Study (99-05)	29%	20%	16%
AST SA Study (03-04)	46%	28%	22%
AST DV Study (04)	80%	68%	54%
AST Stalking (99-04)	75%	55%	40%

Note: All percentages are based on the number of reported cases.

Cases are not equivalent across studies. Differences across studies should not be interpreted as differences in success.



Alaska Department of Law Data

**Sexual Assault Case
is **Reported**
to Law Enforcement**

**18 to 46%
are **Referred****

**60 to 69%
are **Accepted****

**78 to 87%
Result in a **Conviction****



Factors that Facilitate Prosecution

- Village Public Safety Officers
- Investigation Capacity



- Local Alcohol Prohibitions
- Access to SANEs



Choose Respect Initiative



- Public education and primary prevention
- Victim and survivor services
- Offender management and accountability

- Coordinate and streamline efforts among all stakeholders to more effectively combat violence against women and children



Need for Population Measures

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Senate Judiciary Committee

Report and Recommendations: Reducing Sexual Assault in Alaska

“The legislature should fund a victimization survey to determine the actual rate of both reported and unreported sexual assaults in Alaska.”

(Senate Judiciary Committee, 2009)

Source: http://www.aksenate.org/french/101609_Senate_Judiciary_report_on_sexual_assault.pdf



Alaska Victimization Survey

- Designed to establish baselines for estimates of intimate partner & sexual violence.
- Modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (CDC/NIJ).
- Surveys were conducted by phone, using both landlines and cell phones.
- Respondents were randomly selected (only adult females were eligible to participate).



Intimate Partner Violence

- **Have your romantic or sexual partners:**
 - *Made threats to physically harm you?*
 - *Slapped you or kicked you?*
 - *Pushed or shoved you?*
 - *Beaten you or hit you with something hard?*
 - *Hurt you by pulling your hair?*
 - *Slammed you against something?*
 - *Tried to hurt you by choking or suffocating you?*
 - *Burned you on purpose?*
 - *Used a knife or gun on you?*



% of Adult Women Experiencing IPV

Intimate Partner Violence	Lifetime	Past Year
Alaska	47.6%	9.4%
City of Fairbanks	49.5%	10.8%
Municipality of Anchorage	42.2%	8.2%
City and Borough of Juneau	47.1%	12.1%
Bristol Bay	44.2%	12.3%
City and Borough of Sitka	40.4%	5.1%
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	44.6%	13.6%
Kodiak Island Borough	38.4%	5.7%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	45.5%	7.6%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	43.0%	4.0%
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	42.5%	7.3%



Sexual Violence

- **When you were alcohol or drug intoxicated and unable to consent, has anyone:**
 - *Had vaginal sex with you?*
 - *Made you receive anal sex?*
- **Has anyone used physical force or threats of physical harm to:**
 - *Make you have vaginal sex?*
 - *Make you receive anal sex?*
 - *Make you perform or receive oral sex?*
 - *Put their fingers or objects in your vagina/anus?*
 - *Try to have vaginal, oral, or anal sex with you?*



% Experiencing Sexual Violence

Intimate Partner Violence	Lifetime	Past Year
Alaska	37.1%	4.3%
City of Fairbanks	31.4%	2.7%
Municipality of Anchorage	29.6%	1.4%
City and Borough of Juneau	35.3%	1.0%
Bristol Bay	31.2%	4.4%
City and Borough of Sitka	24.7%	2.4%
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	25.4%	5.1%
Kodiak Island Borough	22.9%	1.1%
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	33.7%	3.0%
Kenai Peninsula Borough	30.1%	2.2%
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	33.2%	4.7%



Alaska Dashboard

Broad overview of population indicators on key issues impacting DV & SA in Alaska.

The Dashboard looks at reported incidents, service utilization, protective factors, offender accountability and victimization survey results. Each of the numbers in the Dashboard represents a life affected by these crimes.



2013 Alaska Dashboard

Key Issues Impacting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Alaska

Reports of harm, utilization of services, and reports to law enforcement are much lower than actual incident rates. As the stigma of reporting violence lessens and as victim safety increases, those experiencing violence will be more likely to report and seek help, causing some of these indicators to increase over time. Estimates based on self-disclosures to survey questions may also be lower than actual victimization rates.

Key Population Indicators for Alaska	Starting AK Data	Current AK Data	Percent Change	Progress
Childhood Exposure to Domestic Violence				
1. Percent of adults exposed to intimate partner violence of parent (BRFSS)	19.1%	19.2%	+1%	●
2. Percent of mothers whose 3 year old child saw violence or physical abuse (CUBS)	4.0%	6.6%	+65%	●
Child and Youth Victimization				
3. Percent of students experiencing physical dating violence in past year (YRBS)	13.3%	12.0%	-10%	●
4. Percent of students experiencing sexual violence in lifetime (YRBS)	10.1%	9.2%	-9%	●
Reports of Harm (Child and Youth)				
5. Rate of reported child abuse and neglect per 10,000 (US DHHS)	190.1	153.6	-19%	●
6. Rate of reported child sexual maltreatment per 10,000 (OCS)	5.8	6.3	+9%	●
Adult and Elder Victimization				
7. Percent of women experiencing physical intimate partner violence in past year (AVS)	9.4%	N/A	N/A	●
8. Percent of women experiencing sexual violence in past year (AVS)	4.3%	N/A	N/A	●
9. Percent of pregnant women experiencing intimate partner physical abuse (PRAMS)	3.6%	4.0%	+11%	●
Reports of Harm (Adult and Elder)				
10. Number of vulnerable adults reporting abuse or neglect (APS)	176	167	-5%	●
11. Number of vulnerable elders reporting abuse or neglect (APS)	73	85	+16%	●
Primary Prevention and Protective Factors				
12. Percent of pregnant women whose health provider talked to them about DV (PRAMS)	60.0%	61.3%	+2%	●
13. Percent of students comfortable seeking help from 3 or more adults (YRBS)	44.6%	43.8%	-2%	●
14. Percent of schools implementing Fourth R healthy relationship curriculum (DEED)	9.7%	18.1%	+87%	●
15. Percent of students who feel connected to their school (SCCS)	38%	40%	+5%	●
Reports to Law Enforcement				
16. Rate of forcible rape reported to law enforcement per 10,000 (UCR)	7.3	5.8	-21%	●
17. Number of domestic violence related homicides reported to law enforcement (DPS)	5	10	+100%	●
18. Number of elderly victims reporting DV-related sexual/physical assaults to AST (DPS)	176	153	-13%	●
Utilization of Services				
19. Rate of children evaluated by child advocacy centers per 10,000 (ACA)	81.9	95.7	+17%	●
20. Rate of adults utilizing services for domestic violence per 10,000 (CDVSA)	81.6	83.1	+2%	●
21. Rate of children with adults in domestic violence services per 10,000 (CDVSA)	72.8	75.0	+3%	●
22. Rate of adults utilizing services for sexual assault per 10,000 (CDVSA)	20.5	20.8	+1%	●
23. Rate of youth utilizing services for domestic violence per 10,000 (CDVSA)	20.1	26.9	+34%	●
24. Rate of youth utilizing services for sexual assault per 10,000 (CDVSA)	39.2	27.8	-29%	●
Offender Accountability				
25. Percent of reported forcible rapes resulting in an arrest (DPS)	24.3%	27.0%	+11%	●
26. Rate of juveniles referred for sex offenses per 10,000 (DJJ)	13.6	11.5	-15%	●
27. Rate of juveniles referred for a DV-related assault per 10,000 (DJJ)	38.5	39.2	+2%	●
28. Number of sexual assault cases accepted for prosecution (DOL)	111	133	+20%	●
29. Percent of accepted sexual assault cases with a conviction (DOL)	63.0%	64.6%	+3%	●
30. Number of sexual abuse of minor cases accepted for prosecution (DOL)	109	146	+34%	●
31. Percent of accepted sexual abuse of minor cases with a conviction (DOL)	84.4%	65.0%	-23%	●
32. Number of domestic violence cases accepted for prosecution (DOL)	2617	3191	+22%	●
33. Percent of accepted domestic violence cases with a conviction (DOL)	73.8%	74.8%	+1%	●

Progress: ● Progress Satisfactory ● Progress Uncertain ● Progress Needs Improvement

Percent change is relative to starting data. See definition on page 3. Percent changes may or may not be statistically significant.

Definitions for each population indicator and dates for current and starting data are found starting on page 4.

Alaska Dashboard, January 2013. State of Alaska, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, <http://dps.alaska.gov/cdvsa/>.

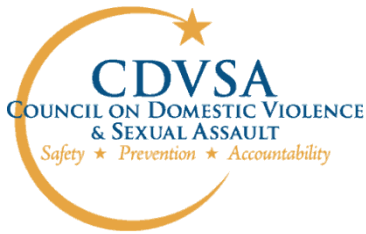


Alaska Dashboard

Key Issues Impacting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Alaska

Includes population indicators for:

- Childhood exposure to domestic violence
- Child and youth victimization
- Reports of harm (child and youth)
- Adult and elder victimization
- Reports of harm (adult and elder)
- Reports to law enforcement
- Utilization of services
- Offender accountability
- Primary prevention and protective factors



Conclusion: Focus on Prevention

PRIMARY

SECONDARY

TERTIARY

Primary prevention is simple, it means stopping violence before it ever starts.



Stopping the re-occurrence of violence through early intervention, early identification or through legal and crisis response.



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